

**TOWN OF NORTHFIELD
BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Minutes of April 28, 2008**

- I. **ROLL CALL** Chair Roger LeClair, Selectmen Kenneth Johnson, Melvin Adams, Charles Morse, and Gregory Sanders. Also present were Manager Allard, Clerk Samantha Baraw, Donald Wallace, Charlie Harper, Sally Davidson, Police Chief Jeffrey Shaw, Daniel Staples (*Northfield News & Transcript*), Bruce Baroffio, Chris Bradley, Libby Hambleton, and Brian Tisdale.

A Public Hearing for the purpose of providing written or oral views on the Warned Town Article to be voted upon by Australian Ballot at the Special Town Meeting on May 6, 2008, was warned to immediately precede the Selectboard's regular meeting.

Chair LeClair called the Public Hearing to order at 7:00 p.m.

Selectman Morse first gave a summary of the history of the current building. Donald Wallace reminded people that the building hasn't gotten any better since the 1970's. He urged people to vote positively on the bond vote. Selectman Adams spoke on security and privacy issues as well as evidence storage. Sally Davidson went on a tour of the current building. She was concerned that when she toured, there wasn't a leak in the basement. She didn't see any records stored there. Chief Shaw stated that the records have been put on shelves. Ms. Davidson is concerned about the lack of maintenance on the current building. Bruce Baroffio is glad that we didn't do any maintenance on the current building. Mr. Wallace stated that he was with the Ambulance Service when they shared a building with the Police Department and it didn't fit everyone at that time – and that was when both departments were smaller. Chris Bradley spoke in favor of a new facility. The bond process was clarified: we will purchase bonds for the total cost by E.F. Wall not to exceed \$900,000. Of that total, Norwich University will pay 20% of the total cost, which will be paid in five (5) installments over five (5) years that will go towards the bond repayment. Brian Tisdale inquired as to the use of local contractors on this project (if it is approved by the voters). The vote is Tuesday, May 6, 2008 at the Northfield High School Lobby from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Absentee ballots are now available at the Town Clerk's office. Please vote!

The Public Hearing adjourned at 7:35 p.m. The regular meeting began immediately.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. **April 14, 2008 (Regular Meeting).** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to approve the minutes. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

III. **APPROVAL OF BILLS**

- a. **Warrant #21-08.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve Warrant #21-08 in the amount of \$42,029.06. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- b. **Warrant #22-08.** Motion by Selectman Morse, seconded by Selectman Johnson, to approve Warrant #22-08 in the amount of \$38,845.94. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

IV. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:**

- a. **Donald Wallace: Green Up Day - May 3, 2008.** Mr. Wallace would like to remind everyone that Green Up Day is this coming Saturday. Meet behind the firehouse at 9:00 a.m. Some cookies, donuts, milk, juice, and coffee will be provided. Please bring gloves and pick up trucks.

V. **MANAGER'S REPORT**

- a. **Status Reports: Various Projects**

1. **Fire Station Vinyl Siding Project.** The bids for this project were set out last year, the low bidder was chosen to do the work, and the contractor was hoping to have it done before winter. That did not happen. The company has agreed to keep the same price so it will (hopefully) be done this year.

2. **Water System Improvements Project.** We will have a signed contract this Friday.
3. **King Street/Norwich University Substations.** The project will be starting in the next week or so (depending on the weather). We will give at least one (1) week notice prior to the scheduled power outage.
4. **Fairway Road.** Brad Denny has some concerns about the road. Manager Allard will monitor the situation.

VI. SELECTBOARD

- a. **Governor's Award for Outstanding Community Service.** The Governor's award was awarded to the Northfield Emergency Services.
- b. **2008 Liquor License Renewal Applications: Northfield Country Club.** Motion by Selectman Johnson, seconded by Selectman Morse, to approve the license renewal. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**
- c. **Vermont Route 12 and 12A Signage.** Improved signage in the works. There was a question as to whether a crosswalk can be put at the intersection. There have been some discussions on this topic with the Safe Routes 2 School group. In addition, the Vermont Agency of Transportation (District 6) has been consulted.
- d. **Bear Farm Road Drainage.** There was a follow up from the last meeting regarding the survey that was done, the drainage problem, and the narrowness of the road.
- e. **Special Town Meeting (Police Station Bond Revote): May 6, 2008.** Please see above for more information.
- f. **Inter-Local Agreement Committee Meeting: May 6, 2008.** There will be a meeting next week at 6:30 p.m. in the Municipal Building. The meeting will be held to discuss possible increases in utility rates and other related topics.
- g. **Status Reports: Various Projects.** The Selectmen had nothing to add.

VII. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Non-agenda items. There was none.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT. Motion by Selectman Adams, seconded by Selectman Sanders, to adjourn. **Motion passed 5-0-0.**

The Board adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Samantha H. Baraw

Samantha H. Baraw, Clerk

These minutes are subject to approval at the next regular meeting.